the linguistic minorities. The Government of India has been urging the State Governments to make full arrangements in accordance with this policy and it is being largely followed.

Delivery of Mirage 2000 Aircraft from France

890. SHRI J. K. **JAIN:** Will the Mi nister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether delivery of supersonic Mirage-200o aircraft from France has started;

(b) the number of such aircraft to be received under the terms of the contract effected between India and France in 1983; and

(c) the number of such aircraft which have already arrived?

THE, MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An agreement for purchase of 40 Mirage-2000 aircraft was concluded in 1982 between the Government of India and the French Manufacturers.

(c) Seven.

Recommendation by the Indian Coun cil of Medical Research to Inject Gas Sodium Thiosulphate to Bhopal victims

891. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Mfedidal Research had recommended injecting Sodium Thiosulphate to the Bhopal gas victims;

(b) if so, when this was recom mended;

(c) whether these recommendations were accepted by Government;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) the total number of injections (with monthly break-up) given till 30th June, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This was recommended following a meeting of the Working Group on Thiosulphate Therepy in MIC exposed population held on 14th February, 1985.

(c) and (d) These recommendations were accepted by Government soon after.

(e) The total number of injections given till 30th June, 1985 was 19,115 (Nineteen Thousand, One Hundred and Fifteen). The month-wise break up is not available.

Progress in the Advancement of Women

892. SHRIMATI USHA MOLHOTRA:
SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: DR.
LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have assessed the progress achieved in the advancement of women during the International Decade for Women;

(b) if the goals targeted have not been achieved, whether Government have identified the obstacles which have prevented this achievement; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to, remove these obstacles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI) MARAGATHAM CHANDRSEKHAR; (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In their report submitted to the Planning Commission the Working Group on Women and Development of this Ministry have recommended targets and strategies for the 7th Plan